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FROM THE DESK OF CURTIS McHARGUE

May 1975
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Hello N.C.N.A. Members:

The year is swiftly passing by, and this is the summer issue of the N.C.N.A. Journal.

The Constitution and By-Law Committee presented the new proposed N.C.N.A. Constitution and By-Laws at the Lexington show in March. The board will vote on the proposed constitution and by-laws at the next board meeting to be held at the Raleigh show. (A copy for your file appears in this issue.)

As I have stated before, Mr. Ray McGuire is bourse chairman for the N.C.N.A. show Oct. 31, and Nov. 1 & 2, 1975. Mr. Toney Helton is general chairman, Mr. Ted Hendrick is in charge of security and Mrs. J. W. B. Bason is exhibit chairwoman. We will need all the volunteer help that the members can spare.

Our new editor, Mr. Dan Talbert, has done an excellent job with the Journal. Dan is prompt in getting the Journal out on time. Dan has mailed out copies of the Journal to all the clubs in N.C. that he could find an address for. If your club did not receive any of the Journals, please write to Dan Talbert, P. O. Box 7035, Northwoods Station, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540. Also send club news and show news with pictures to Dan.

I had Mr. J. W. B. Bason (Sec. & Treasurer) to tell me that one board member is keeping him busy signing up new members for the N.C.N.A. I would like to see Mr. Bason busier, so would each member sign up at least one new member this year. That alone would double our membership.

In closing, I would like to encourage all members of the N.C.N.A. to send in their comments to me and help the N.C.N.A. to grow.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis E McHargue

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Joys of Coin Collecting

Numismatics, whether it be a hobby, science, business, or art, has attracted many fine people. From this, the domino theory begins to apply, for good people attract good people. Once again this point is proved with the following autobiographical sketches from charter members of the Greensboro Coin Club. Each of them represent at least 20 years as coin club members.

J. W. B. Bason

"When I started collecting, it was very easy to find good coins in circulation. Indian head, Lincoln cents and liberty head or better known as the "v" nickels were common to collect. Of course, it was necessary to purchase the key coins as it is today. Once in a while you could find one in circulation, which was quite a thrill. I remember once finding a 50D nickel in good condition. You could find more coins in circulation, but you didn't have to pay as much for the ones that you couldn't find."

"Within the last five years though, its become almost impossible to start any sort of collection out of circulating coinage. You have to put a lot more into it than you did when I started."

"My advice to a young collector is to start with the cents. Buy your coins as reasonable as possible. Concentrate on uncirculated coins. Study the history. Purchase books on coins and above all subscribe to a coin paper or magazine. Become a numismatist."

S. M. Hupman, Jr.

"During World War II, I was in the Navy for three and a half years. During this time I was in fourteen different countries and began collecting coins from each of these countries. After my discharge in 1946, Jesse Miller, a resident of Mebane at that time, and I joined a coin club in Winston-Salem and attended meetings there for six years or longer. Several members in this club at Winston-Salem lived in Greensboro, therefore, they decided to form a club there. This being closer to Mebane, I became a member of the coin club in Greensboro. During these years I've also been a member of clubs in Hillsborough and Burlington, clubs now disbanded."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed this hobby and have met many people through coin clubs who have helped further my collection, and I have been able to help others in their collections."

Walter and Viola Braxton

"There is an old Chinese Proverb that says, "If you wish to be happy for three days get married, if you wish to be happy for eight days kill your pig and eat it; but if you wish to always be happy become a gardener." Change the last word of this adage to read coin collector and it will be just as apt. Coin collecting is educational, can be a source of great pleasure and satisfaction, and, with intelligent purchases, over a period of time turn a neat profit. Becoming involved in honest pursuits of any hobby is an elixir more potent than any drink from the proverbial fountain of youth."

Certainly, while reading these articles a certain pride of association is felt by all coin collectors.

NCNA JOURNAL thanks these fine people for their beautiful contributions to our publication. Once again they prove numismatics is the greatest hobby in the world.

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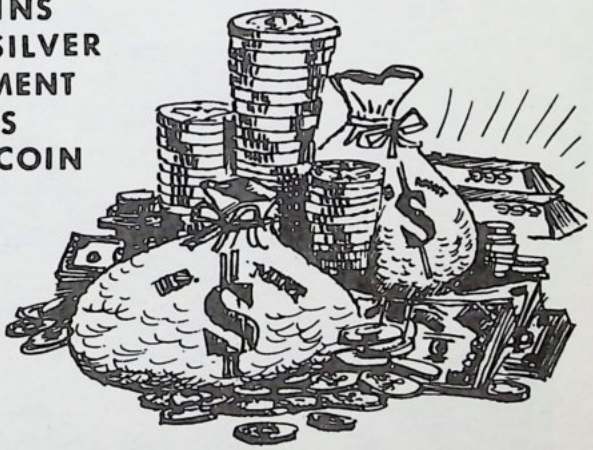

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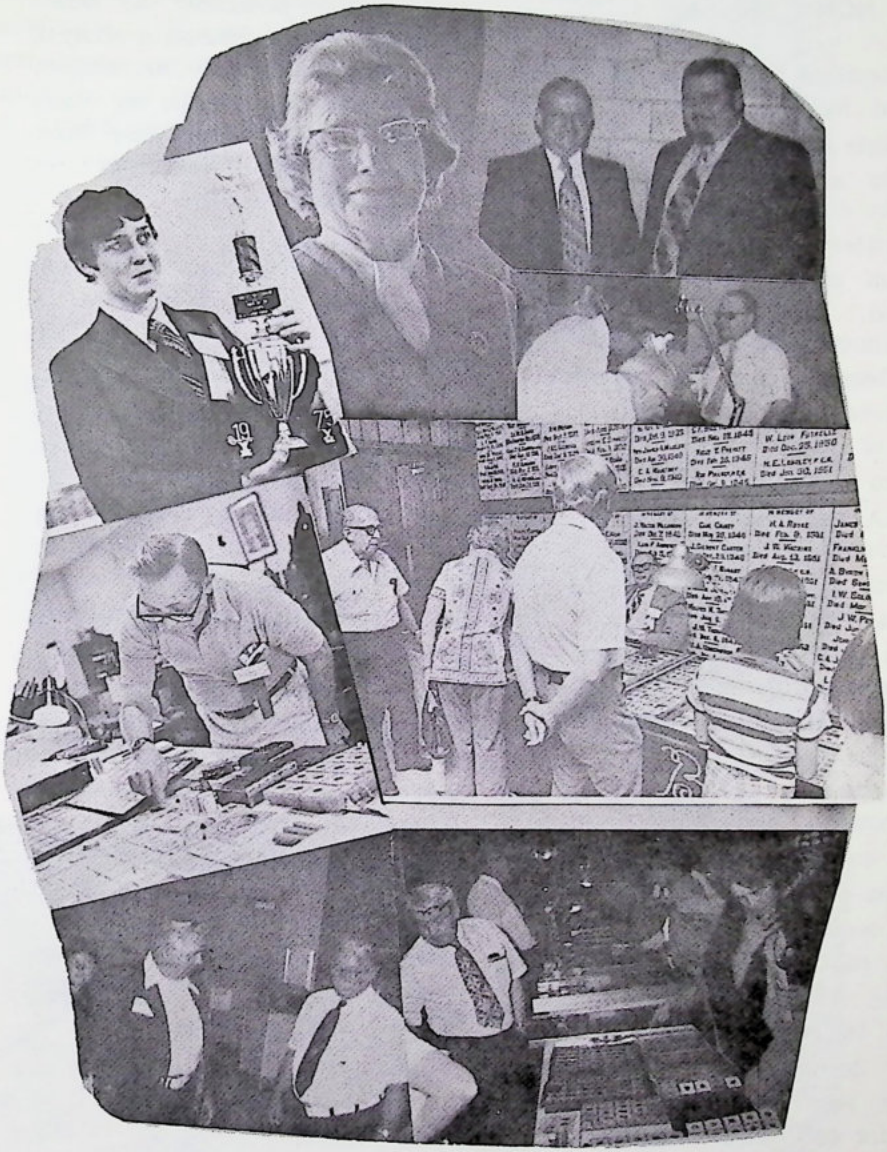


GOOD TIME

. . . ON THE REVERSE

Dan Talbert -
NCNA Journal Editor

Summer is the traditional doldrum period for numismatics. This is probably true because fewer new people are solicited into our fraternity during this period of diverse activities. Unfortunately, NCNA cannot afford the luxury of a lax period.

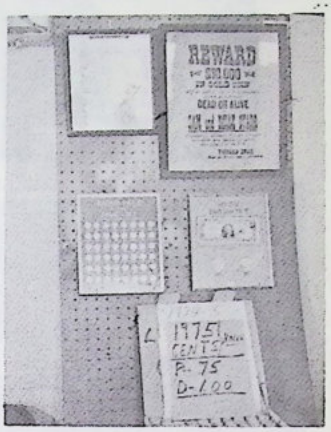
Without fail, new candidates for membership ask this question, or a close variation, "What do I get out of membership." Your editor offers the following reasons for NCNA membership. First, NCNA is the collective voice of Numismatics in North Carolina. If NCNA s a "Rinky dink" organization, hen coin collecting and coin colectors are going to be viewed as "Rinky dink." NCNA offers a medium for expression of ideas, advertisment for club events, and exchange of numismatic material. The annual NCNA convention brings to our state many dealers and coins that we would only read about without the convention to stimulate trade. Finally, as the new member is near signing this grand two dollar commitment, ask him what he would like to see NCNA do for collectors. Prove that you have listened to his suggestion by passing it along to one of the members of the Board of Directors.

Many tangible needs of collectors and coin clubs can be filled by NCNA. Without limiting or destroying existing programs, the Board of Directors has iniated a study of several new areas for NCNA involvement. Now is the time for every member's input in the future directions of NCNA. Remember--we make the NCNA grow.

In this issue the center section is devoted to a copy of the new constitution and by laws of NCNA. These will go into effect on January 1, 1976. Please keep this copy of the Journal so that you will always have a copy of the Constitution and By Laws. Also, this copy of the Journal contains photos of several of the Springtime Carolina Shows. The Journal is always happy to print your club's activities with photos. Just send them to NCNA Journal. All Carolina Coin Shows attended by your editor were well attended and professionally promoted. Congratulations club presidents, bourse chairman, and other hard working members. Anchoring this issue is well written, informative article on the art of cleaning coins. This article, written by Durham area dealer, Craig Keplinger, emphasizes the desirability of original mint lustre but gives the collector some inside tips to what can be and is being done to coins. Be sure to read this article, it will help any collector when examining coins. Many Thanks go to Craig for this worthwhile contribution.

TOWARDS BETTER COIN SHOWS

Thanks to James Jackson this hint for improving your coin show is available. Most dealers have a numismatic, "specialty" as the photographs on this page verify. Capitalize on this by publicizing the varied numismatic taste that will be served at your coin show. Perhaps you can avoid having visitors to your show making comments like this one that James heard at a recent show. "Well, why look around? If you've seen one of these dealer's tables, you've seen'em all!"



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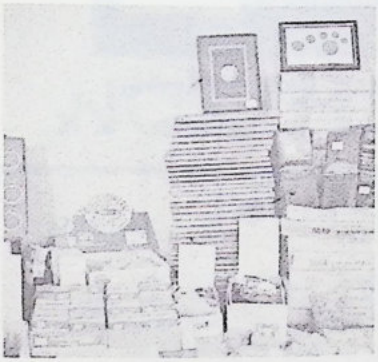

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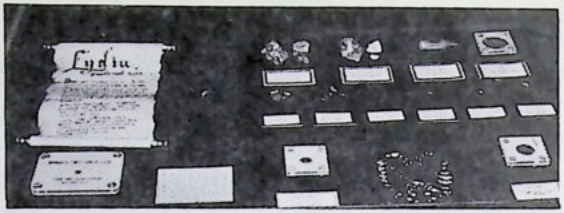

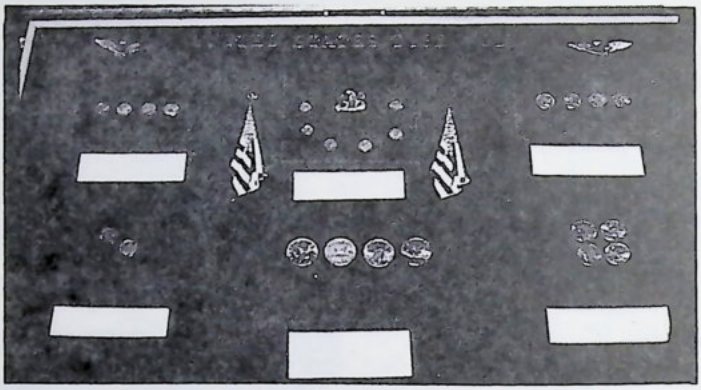

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Constitution and By Laws for NORTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Numismatic Association, Inc. unanimously approved and adopted on June 1, 1975 the following revised Charter and Constitution, and By-Laws of this Association, to become effective on January 1, 1976, and further ordered that these documents be published in the June 1975 issue of the N.C.N.A. Journal, the official publication of this Association.

CHARTER AND CONSTITUTION

We, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves into a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of North Carolina known as the Non-Profit Corporation Act and being North Carolina General Statutes 55A and the amendments thereto, and to that end do hereby set forth:

1. The name of this corporation is the North Carolina Numismatic Association, Inc.

2. The period of existence of this corporation is unlimited.

3. The purposes and objects for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) To bring together in fellowship persons, numismatic clubs and kindered organizations interested in the science of numismatics.

(b) To advance the science of numismatics.

(c) To promote educational and charitable activities in the field of numismatics.

(d) To foster and promote the formation of clubs throughout North Carolina whose members are interested in the science of numismatics.

(e) In order to properly pursue the objects and purposes set forth above, the corporation shall have full power and authority to purchase, lease, hold mortgage, convey and otherwise acquire or dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, both in this state and in all other states and countries, and generally perform all acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient to carry out the objects and purposes for which the corporation is created.

4. The corporation shall have members with two classes of memberships. Said memberships shall consist of (a) individuals and (b) numismatic clubs and kindred associations:

Class (a) members who are individuals shall have the right to attend any and all general meetings of the corporation, and have voting privilege as prescribed and authorized by the by-laws of the corporation. Class (b) members shall likewise be entitiled to one delegate at any and all general meetings of the corporation as prescribed in the by-laws. Such delegates shall have voting privilege as authorized by the by-laws of the corporation.

5. The officers and directors shall be elected as provided for in the by-laws of the corporation.

6. Upon dissolution or liquidation of the corporation, the assets of the corporation shall be disposed of by the Board of Directors subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth. The Board of Directors upon dissolution or liquidation of the corporation, must distribute the assets of said corporation to the following and only eligible receipients: national, regional, state or local numismatic associations or societies, public libraries, archives, or museums.

7. The address of the registered office is Post Office Box 20653 Greensboro, North Carolina 27420 and the name of the registered agent is J. W. B. Bason at the above stated address.

BY–LAWS

The North Carolina Numismatic Association, Inc., in order to best carry out the objects and purposes set forth in the charter granted to it by the State of North Carolina on September 18, 1959, as amended on March 30, 1972, does hereby adopt the following by-laws and regulations.

ARTICLE I

Section 1 – The name of this organization is the "North Carolina Numismatic Association, Inc." hereinafter referred to as NCNA or Association.
Section 2 – NCNA is formed as a non-profit, non-stock organization of individuals, numismatic clubs and kindred associations interested in the study and science of numismatics.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP - ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 – The membership of the Association shall consist of regular members, junior members, life members, and honorary life members. Memberships are not transferable from one person to another.
Section 2 – All members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association, including the right to vote, and receive the official publications of the Association. Junior members, as hereinafter defined, shall not be eligible to hold office. Honorary Life members shall not be eligible to hold office unless they were regular members or life members of the Association at the time "honorary membership" was conferred upon them.
Section 3 – Regular Membership Regular members shall be individuals of good moral character 18 years of age or over, numismatic clubs and kindred associations, as elected in the manner hereinafter set forth.
Junior Membership Any person who has not attained the age of 18 years, and is of good moral character, shall be eligible for junior membership in this Association and will be assigned a junior membership number by the secretary.
Life Membership or Honorary Life Membership Any individuals or clubs who have been a member of the Association for three years or longer shall be eligible for life membership, provided the application is approved by 2/3 vote of the full Executive Board, and will be assigned a life membership number by the Secretary.

Honorary life membership may be conferred only upon written nomination by a minimum of three members of this Association and approved by 2/3 vote of the full Executive Board, on any person who has performed for the Association or the science of numismatics some particular or noteworthy service and who is considered deserving of the special and distinctive title of "Honorary Life Member".

ARTICLE III

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - ADMISSION - DUES

Section 1 – Application for regular membership, junior membership, or life membership shall be in writing on forms prescribed by the Executive Board. The application shall indicate the name, address, and occupation of the applicant, and, if an individual, the date and year of birth, type of membership applied for. All applications are to be signed by the applicant and proposer, and dated.

Section 2 – The application, and advance payment of annual dues or life membership fee shall be sent to the Secretary.

Section 3 – If no written objection to admission is received by the Secretary within thirty days, the applicant shall be admitted to membership as applied for.

Section 4 – If written and timely objection to admission is received by the Secretary, he shall refer it to the President, who shall advise the applicant of the nature of the objections, and permit applicant to answer such objections in writing. Upon receipt of answer from applicant the President shall present all available information to the Executive Board for further consideration and action at its next regular meeting. The Executive Board may either accept or reject the application, with such action taken to be recorded in the minutes of the Executive Board.

(a) If the Executive Board accepts the application, the applicant shall be admitted to the Association and furnished a membership card by the Secretary.

(b) If the application is rejected, the applicant will be notified and the advance payment of dues refunded to him.

Section 5 – The dues of regular members and junior members as well as life membership fees shall be fixed by the Executive Board. Subject to change by the Executive Board, the dues for Regular Members shall be $3.00 per year and Junior Members $2.00 per year. Life Membership fee shall be $50.00. Dues are payable in advance on January 1st of each year.

Honorary Life Members and Life Members shall not be assessed for payment of annual dues. A life membership card will be issued showing a permanent life membership number.

ARTICLE IV

RESIGNATION - SUSPENSION - EXPULSION

Section 1 No member shall be permitted to resign from the Association while he is indebted to it in any manner or while charges are pending against him.

Section 2 Annual dues shall be payable to the Secretary in advance on January 1st of each year. Any member who fails to pay his dues by March 1st shall be subject to suspension, in which case his name shall

be dropped from the membership roll and removed from the mailing list. However, the member shall be officially notified not less than thirty days prior to March 1st that he is in arrears to give him the opportunity to pay his dues. Any member suspended for non–payment of dues or who has resigned, may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year and any dues in arrears, or he may apply for new membership through regular "new member" channels, and if accepted, will receive a membership card with a new number assigned.

Section 3 Whenever written charges are brought against any member of conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Association, the charges shall be signed by the person making them and filed with the President. The identity of the person making the charges shall not be made known, except to the accused and the Executive Board. The accused member shall be furnished a copy of the charges against him and shall be afforded a period of 30 days to enter a written defence to the charges. The matter shall then be referred to the Executive Board, who shall determine the case under such rules as they may adopt. The Executive Board may dismiss the charges, or it may censure, suspend, or expel the accused member. It may cause the result of its action to be made public. Until the final decision of the Executive Board, the accused member shall continue in good standing.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS - DUTIES

Section 1 The officers of the Association shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Nine Directors. These officers shall be known as the Executive Board.

(a) No member shall be eligible for election as President, or First Vice President unless he shall have first held membership in NCNA a minimum of 3 years or has serve at least one term as a member of the Board of Directors, Second Vice President. Secretary, or Treasurer.

(b) For the first election term of office for elected officers shall be for one year. The term of office for the nine directors shall be as follows: three shall be elected for a period of three years, three shall be elected for a period of two years, and three shall be elected for a period of one year. Thereafter, term of office shall be for three years.

(c) Three directors shall be elected each year to fill the expired terms of three of the directors as set forth above.

Section 2 – The President shall have general supervision over all the affairs of the Association. His duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) To preside at all meetings of the Association;

(b) To call meetings of the Executive Board and preside thereat;

(c) To appoint all district or club representatives, and all committees that may be necessary, and to remove them for failure or inability to perform task assigned, and to fill by temporary appointment any vacancy which may occur in any appointive office;

(d) To recommend to the Executive Board the removal from office any elected official who is unable to fill the duties and requirements of his office, and upon approval of the Board to fill by temporary appointment any vacancy in such elective office until a successor is duly elected, except for vacancy in office of President which will be succeeded by 1st Vice President.

(e) If required by the Board of Directors, to countersign all proper warrants drawn by the Secretary on the Treasurer. He may delegate the First Vice President to perform all or a designated portion of this function.

(f) To receive regular reports from the Secretary at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

(g) To require a call for nominations of officers to appear publicly.

(h) May be an ex-officio member of any committee, except nominating committee.

(i) To call a minimum of two meetings of the Executive Board each year, one of which will be at the annual convention, with the other meeting or meetings to be held at the direction of the President during the calendar year.

(j) Shall conduct all meetings of the Executive Board and all such conventions in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order.

(k) Ascertain that a quorum is present for the transaction of any business at meetings of the Executive Board. A simple majority of the Officers and Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3 – The duties of the First Vice President shall be:

(a) To assist the President, upon his request, in the discharge of his duties;

(b) To act in the place of the President, in case of his absence or disability;

(c) To succeed to the position of President, in case of death or resignation.

(d) To act as Membership Chairman.

Section 4 – The duties of the Second Vice President shall be:

(a) To assist the President, upon his request, in the discharge of his duties,

(b) To act as Club Representatives Chairman.

Section 5 – The duties of the Secretary shall be:

(a) To keep a true and accurate record of the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board, and meetings of conventions, and all transactions of the Associations, and preserve all documents pertaining to

matters of his office. A copy of the minutes of each official meeting shall be sent to the President.

(b) To remit any funds received by the Association to the Treasurer at least once each month, or deposit all receipts in bank account of Association, furnishing deposit receipt to the Treasurer for his record.

(c) If required by the Board of Directors, to prepare and sign all proper warrants on the Treasurer, and forward them to the President for counter signature;

(d) To receive all applications for membership, properly prepared and accompanied by the required advance payment of dues:

(1) If no written objection to admission is received by the Secretary within thirty days, the applicant shall be admitted to membership as applied for.

(2) If written and timely objection to admission is received by the Secretary, he shall refer it to the President.

(e) To maintain membership roll of Association;

(f) Act as ex-officio member of committees;

(g) To perform such duties in connection with the nominations and election of officers as may be required by these by-laws.

(h) Same person may be elected to hold office of Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 6 – The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

(a) To receive all money of the Association collected from any source; deposit all receipts in bank account of Association at least once each month and be prepared to furnish a financial report to the Executive Board at each meeting or when called upon by the President and/or Executive Board.

(b) If required by the Board of Directors, to pay out money only on warrants drawn and signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President, or First Vice President when so designated;

(c) To invest and reinvest funds of the Association in accordance with instructions of the Executive Board;

(d) To prepare an accounting of all funds received, and issue a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements at end of each fiscal year to the Board of Directors.

(e) Same person may be elected to hold office of Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 7 – The Executive Board shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board nine Directors. A quorum consisting of a simple majority of the entire Board must be present for the transaction of any official business. However, the Executive Board may provide for an Executive Committee consisting of the President (or the 1st Vice President in his absence), Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors who shall be empowered to act

for the Association on matters requiring immediate attention but not expedient to call a meeting of the full Executive Board for action. All action taken by this Executive Committee shall be ratified by the full Executive Board at its next meeting.

The Executive Board shall act in an advisory capacity on any matters not specifically delegated to it; delegated duties to include the following:

(a) Make the decision when the Association shall hold its annual convention, designating date, time and location;

(b) Prescribe the form of membership applications and official ballots;

(c) Rule on admission of applicants against whom objections have been raised;

(d) Rule on disposition of formal charges brought against a member;

(e) Fix the compensation of the Secretary, as required, including clerical assistance.

(f) Appoint a Director of Conventions, an Advertising Manager, an Editor for official publications of the Association and news releases, a Curator, an Historian, a Parliamentarian, and if necessary, fix the compensation of each. If deemed advisable, more than one position may be held by the same person;

(g) Determine the duties of persons appointed in positions listed in sub paragraph (g) above, and provide for an accounting of all monies expended for the various purposes, in writing, to the Executive Board;

(h) Decide which officials shall be bonded, and determine the amount of such bonds;

(i) Fix the annual dues of regular and junior members, and the life membership fee.

(j) In the event an elected officer or director shall become unable to discharge the duties and requirements of his office, approve recommendation of the President for removal from office such elected official, by temporary appointment until a successor is duly elected, (except office of President for which by-laws specify that the First Vice President shall assume the duties of President in case of death or resignation);

(k) Authorize the issuance of Certificates of Merit to any members who perform commendatory service for the Association.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1 – The President each year shall issue a call for nominations of officers and such notice shall be made public. Nominations may be made by any member in good standing, and person so nominated must likewise be a member of the Association in good standing.

Section 2 - Nominations shall be made for all offices, including vacancies for three Directors.

Section 3 - Election of all Officers shall be for one year, and term of office for Directors is outlined in Article V, Section 1, sub paragraphs (b) and (c).

Section 4 - Nominations shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Secretary who will immediately write to the respective nominees, notifying each of them of the nomination and requesting his acceptance in writing.

Section 5 - Nominations shall close 60 days prior to the opening date of the annual convention.

Section 6 - Immediately following the closing date of nominations, the names of all nominees who have accepted the nomination shall be entered on a printed official ballot. Copies of the official ballot shall be mailed to each member of the Association in good standing, together with an envelope marked -- "Official Ballot" and a return-addressed envelope to the attention of the Secretary.

Section 7 - Those envelopes containing the exceuted ballots returned to the Secretary shall be retained by him unopened, and shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Election Committee on the first day of the annual convention.

Section 8 - In case there are no nominations for any particular office, nominations may be made therefor until noon of the second business day of the convention, provided that written acceptance of the nominee' is filed with the Secretary. These additional nominations shall be posted in a conspicuous location and also brought to the attention of the membership in attendance at the convention in the most expeditious manner possible, in order that voting may be accomplished by the members by closing time of the polls.

Section 9 - The polls shall close at 6:00 P.M. of the second business day of the convention. A canvass of all ballots shall be conducted by the Election Committee, and a report of the duly elected officers and directors shall be furnished the President.

Section 10 - Those officers and directors duly elected shall be installed into office, and immediately assume their duties of the office to which elected, and will continue to hold office until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

Section 11 - Should any current member of the Board of Directors be elected an officer of the Association, the vacancy created on the Board by virtue of his election as an officer, shall be filled automatically by those candidates for official positions in the most recent election who were not elected, begining with the highest level position in the Executive Board and downward. If there are no candidates available from the most recent election, vacancies on the Board of Directors will then be filled by the Executive Board by a call for such nomination by the President from the membership of the Association at large, with

voting to be in writing on secret ballot, and immediately thereafter the Secretary will make known the results of the voting, with announcement of those elected to be published in the official publication of the Association. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be regular voting members of the Executive Board in all matters except the election of Secretary and/or Treasurer.

Section 12 Each Officer, at the expiration of his term of office, shall deliver to his successor all books, papers, money, or other property of the Association in his possession. He shall not be relieved of his bond or obligation until this requirement is met.

ARTICLE VII

APPOINTED OFFICIALS - DUTIES

Section 1 The appointment of all officials shall be made by the President at the beginning of each fiscal year or at any time deemed timely or necessary.

Section 2 The Director of Conventions, with approval of the Executive Board shall have general supervision over all aspects of a convention: publicity, bourse table selling and activity, exhibit displaying, educational programs, security, registration, entertainment of guests, and all other specific promotions contributing to the success of a first-class convention.

(a) He shall appoint Chairmen and members of the various committees, allowing each chairman considerable leeway in the conduct of the activities of his committee; while at the same time observing progress of each committee, and offering suggestions for effective outcome of the committee's work.

(b) He shall assist in the location and in the inspection of sites officially offered to NCNA for conventions.

(c) He shall prepare and submit to the Executive Board for approval a convention budget, using suggestions from NCNA officials and committee chairmen, which budget shall be based upon the space alloted for the convention, the estimated number of bourse dealers, the number of exhibitors, publicity expense, security, insurance charges, and numerous incidental expenses.

(d) He shall follow the expense budget, and in so far as possible keep within the alloted budget.

(e) He shall prepare a report of activities of the convention for the Executive Board as soon after the convention as possible. Each committee chairman shall furnish the Director of Conventions a report of the activity of his committee, including an itemized account of expenses, to enable the Director of Conventions to prepare his report.

Section 3 The duties of the Advertising Manager shall be supervision of all matters relating to advertising.

(a) He shall assist in the allotment of space, including rates for space.

(b) He shall assist in securing advertising accounts.

Section 4 The duties of the Editor for the official publication of the Association and News Releases shall be to provide suitable

material on numismatic subjects for publication. The Editor may, with the prior approval of the Executive Board, appoint associate editors if necessary.

Section 5 Division into Club or geographical districts may be made at the direction of the Executive Board. For each of these districts or clubs, the President may appoint a Club or District Representative. The duties of the Club Representative Chairman will be to supervise and direct these club or District Representatives, whose duties shall be:

(a) To distribute numismatic information and do every thing practicable to promote the general interest in numismatics:

(b) To keep informed regarding members and collectors, and matters of numismatic interest in his respective territory;

(c) To encourage new collectors; obtain new members; and aid in the formation of local numismatic organizations;

(d) To investigate any disputes which may be referred to him by the President and report his findings to him;

(e) To furnish to the Chairman reports of his activities as requested and at least once each year.

Section 6 The duties of the Curator shall be to coordinate and supervise all numismatic properties of the Association other than the Library, including the activities of the visual education committee.

(a) An inventory of property shall be furnished at the end of each fiscal year, together with a list of purchases supported by vouchers, to the Executive Board.

Section 7 The Historian shall keep a chronological account of events of importance to the Association. Items of historical value include:

(a) The organization and beginnings of the Association;

(b) A record of elections with names of officers and important committees, etc.;

(c) Growth in membership and area;

(d) Summary accounts of annual conventions;

(e) Changes and revisions of the Constitution and By-Laws;

(f) Account of the interest in exhibiting;

(g) Record of educational programs.

Section 8 The Parliamentarian shall assist the presiding officer in the conduct of the business sessions of the Association. He shall rule upon order of procedure, and pass upon disputed points through application of Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

CONVENTION AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

Section 1 The Association shall meet in convention at least once each year at a time and place as may be decided by the Executive Board. The time and place shall be announced by the President in three public announcements prior to the convention. Other official meetings of the Association or sponsored club shows may be held with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2 All business meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 3 - A quorum for the transaction of business at conventions shall consist of eleven members in good standing, present in person.

Section 4 - To expedite the work of the convention, as soon as it shall be expedient to do so, the President shall each year appoint:

(a) A Committee on Credentials of not less than three members, whose duty shall be to report the presence of a quorum at all business meetings of the convention;

(b) An Election Committee of not less than three members, whose duty shall be to canvass the official ballots and report the result at the opening of the last business meeting of the convention.

(c) A Resolutions Committee of not less than three members, whose duty shall be to consider all resolutions, or changes in the By-Laws referred to it; and report to the convention;

(d) An Auditing Committee of not less than three members, whose duty shall be to audit all reports and accounts of the Association, and report thereon as soon as possible. The Executive Board may retain the services of a certified accountant or firm of public accountants to aid the auditing committee.

(e) Such other committees as the President may deem advisable to facilitate the work of the convention.

ARTICLE IX

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 - No officer, committee or member shall incur any expense in the name of the Association except with authorization or approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2 - Reproduction of the Association's seal shall be used for no purpose other than official stationary and official publications except with the authorization and approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3 - The fiscal year and membership year of the Association shall be January 1st to December 31st.

Section 4 - These By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3rds vote of the members present at any regular or called meeting of the Association providing due notice shall have been given 30 days prior to meeting to all members in good standing.

PROCESSING COINS

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All numismatists agree that the cleaning of coins is an undesirable practice. Most of the time the cleaned product appears less desirable, or at least no more desirable, than the original coin, regardless of the expertise or the process. While the inexperienced buyer may sometimes be fooled by "pretty" coins, the type of material that would seem to be most profitable to clean usually ends up being sold by private collector to dealer. In this case the efforts of cleaning are not appreciated and will result in no additional profit, and usually in a loss. Dealers, by in large, can quickly recognize a cleaned coin and they tend to pay less for it than for an original specimen.

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but more likely a brilliant about uncirculated coin. Cleaning an about uncirculated coin will not make it uncirculated. It will simply be a cleaned about uncirculated coin.

In some cases it may appear to be desirable to lighten the uneven toning of a coin or remove carbon spots, dirt, etc. from the field, design or letters. A consequence of removing spots from a small area of a coin is that the entire coin toning must be removed or a larger area of light discoloration.

Regardless of the publicity against cleaning and processing coins, there will be cases where the temptation will be satisfied. For that reason a few suggestions are offered, hopefully to prevent a disasterous and disappointing experience for would–be "processors"

Do not use abrasive cleansers (scouring powder, brass, silver or copper polish, jewelers rouge, etc.) on coins.

Do not use scouring pads, wire *brushes, etc. on coins.*

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remely fine are candidates for cleaning only if they are merely excessively grimy. Copper coins in these grades are never candidates for cleaning, except possibly by gentle and careful rubbing to remove heavy grime with an extremely soft, clean cloth.

For silver coins, first try soaking them for a time, depending on extent of accumlated dirt, in a non-corrosive household cleaner such as "Mr. Clean". This should loosen the dirt and grime. If it doesn't rinse away, be sure the coin has not been in a fire or otherwise corroded before attempting further processing.

In some cases it may be necessary to rub the coin gently with moist baking soda. This is a very mild abrasive that will usually remove all dirt (along with original toning). This process will not improve the appearance of a corroded coin. Beware of attempting this process on "black" silver coins. This is usually a sign of hidden corrosion pits which will be made completely obvious.

Extremely fine and about uncirculated coins can be brightened by the above methods, but more care should be taken to avoid damaging or "rubbing" the remaining mint surface. Some dark copper coins may be "shined up" by these methods, but they will not become uncirculated. Beware of green spots on copper coins, as well as

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"black" silver coins, as above.

In many cases it may be sufficient processing to merely "dip" coins of this grade in a high quality coin dip, available in most coin shops. Dipping may also be used as the final step to other methods of cleaning to improve the gradual re-toning of cleaned coins, but much of the time the re-toning will be spotty or "purple" unless the finished coin is thoroughly dried by patting with an extremely soft cloth and exposure to dry air for a while before packaging or storage.

Dipping an uncirculated coin will certainly brighten it, but it will obviously have been cleaned since any coin developes at least a light patina with age. In addition, a dipped uncirculated coin might re-tone to an ugly purple or spotted appearance, leading to repeated dipping to maintain the "brilliant" surface. Repeated dipping causes an accumulation of chemicals on the mint surface, regardless of care in rinsing and drying, that may cause dullness or even a gray appearance that often cannot be remedied without removel of the lustre altogether.

Brown uncirculated copper coins can sometimes be made "brilliant" by soaking in real lemon juice. This mild acid can remove surface tarnish with only minor effect to the original mint lustre unless the coin is allowed to soak too long.

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However, the copper coins will be "too brilliant" in most cases, since it is extremely difficult to judge the time needed to remove toning in stages. If there are any spots or finger-prints apparent on the copper coins, it is advisable not to try this process, as the spots and fingerprints will merely be made more obvious. Also, any "slight rubs" or "cabinet friction" on a so-called uncirculated copper coin will become more obvious, as these areas will be lighter and duller in color than the "original" surface. Beware of cleaning brown uncirculated copper—often the cleaned product will display many faults and defects not obvious on the original specimen.

Opinions vary about the usefullness of "sonic" or vibrating cleaning machines for coins. It is likely that the average collector would be unwise to invest the cost in such a machine, only to be disappointed by the results.

Before attempting any cleaning process, it is very wise to experiment and "practice" on low value coins of various conditions in order to visualize the likely results on the valuable coins. This is no guarantee of results, but at least there will be some indication of what to expect.

The best advice to be gained from this article is that cleaning your coins will not increase their true value.

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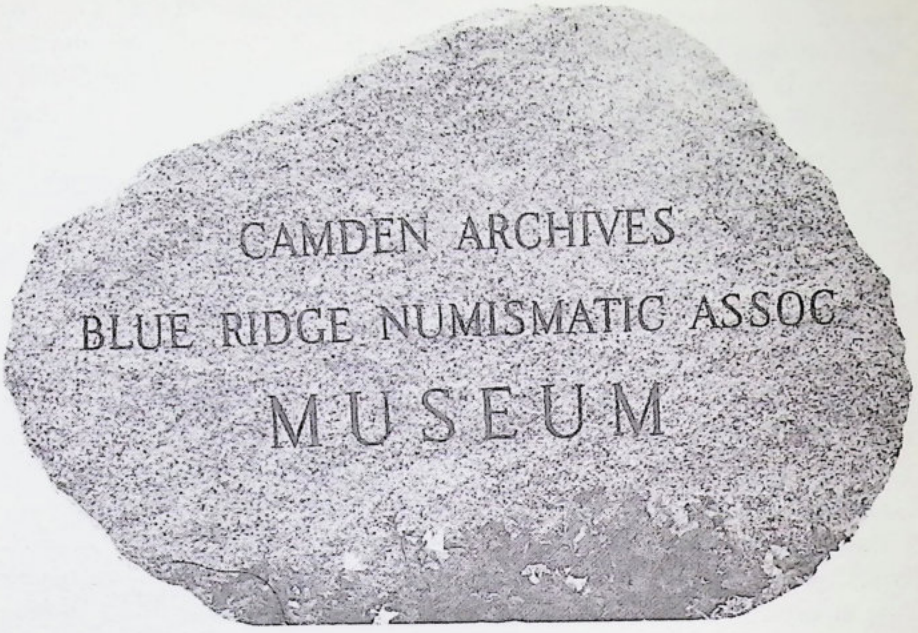

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ANA Vice President views museum exhibits. He and Mrs. Adams cut the "Ribbon for the grand opening.

George Crocker poses in front of his gold exhibit on display in the museum.

Curator, of the museum in Camden, S.C., Paul Garland and ANA Official, John Pittman, discuss the museums exhibits.

Charles Grace, BRNA President, pauses in front of the display on South Carolina currency.

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